

REMARKS

Claims 1-28 are pending in the case.

It is the belief of the Applicants that the claims of the present invention are directed to a common subject matter and the search and examination of the entire application can be made by the Examiner without serious burden.

Claims 1-19 (Group I) and claims 20-28 (Group II) relate to a system for measuring circuit characteristics and a method for performing the measurements. Method claim 20 includes a providing step that essentially provides the system, as recited in claim 1. It is respectfully submitted that serious burden would not be placed on the Examiner to search the common subject and examine both Group I and Group II claims together, obviating the need for restriction.

It is recognized that in order for this paper to be responsive to the Office Action, an election must be made. In the Office Action, restriction has been required to one of the following two groups of claims:

(I) Claims 1-19; and


(II) Claims 20-28.

Accordingly, claims of Group I are elected for examination at this time with traverse. Applicant reserves the right to pursue Group II claims (20-28) by way of a separate divisional application.

In view of the foregoing remarks, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the restriction requirement. Early and favorable action of the case is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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